

the Arboretum's mission. The nonprofit organization Friends of the Arboretum has helped preserve this valuable ecological resource both by fundraising for the Arboretum and through volunteer work. Those efforts, and the work of many others, have made possible invaluable scientific research and unique community opportunities.

Of course, Madison's Arboretum may not have been possible without the initial commitment of 200 hardworking individuals from the Civilian Conservation Corps. During the Great Depression, the efforts of these young government workers produced a natural sanctuary free from encroaching development and biological contamination. Just a few years after its dedication, the Madison Arboretum became the site of several important ecological experiments on conservation and restoration. One historic study conducted on the Arboretum's Curtis Prairie helped establish the use of fire as an effective prairie restoration technique, a method now widely recognized. Those 60 acres of Curtis Prairie today comprise the oldest restored prairie land in the United States.

As University of Wisconsin scientists continue to develop and enhance methods of ecological restoration, the Arboretum remains an important resource in the research process. The Arboretum now contains several preserved forests, prairies, and other lands, spread over hundreds of acres, which make possible influential ecological studies. Since the Civilian Conservation Corps first began reintroducing native flora to the various ecosystems of the Arboretum, it has grown to house over 300 different species of plants. Though urbanization and the invasion of new plant types have provided new, modern challenges for this space, the commitment of university workers and community volunteers, such as those from Friends of the Arboretum, have kept the Arboretum strong. In addition to scientific research, Arboretum workers and volunteers facilitate a variety of community events, and offer unique educational opportunities in the field of ecology.

Today, Madison's University of Wisconsin Arboretum contains the single most comprehensive assortment of restored ecosystems and a highly dedicated group of supporters. I therefore honor the 75th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin Arboretum, and commend both Friends of the Arboretum and all other Arboretum volunteers. The sustained commitment of numerous community members has maintained and enhanced a truly priceless natural resource.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHEROKEE  
COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WINNING  
THE ALABAMA 4A STATE FOOT-  
BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the Cherokee County High School football team in Centre, Alabama, which recently won the 2009 Alabama 4A State Football Championship.

On December 3, the Cherokee County Warriors defeated Jackson High School by a score

of 31–24 at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The Warriors finished the season with a record of 15–0, making them the only undefeated team in the state.

The Warriors are coached by Tripp Curry, and the school's principal is Doug Davis. I'd like to congratulate the football team, coaches and high school students and staff on this outstanding achievement. All of us across Cherokee County and East Alabama are deeply proud of these talented young Alabamians.

HONORING COLONEL JONATHAN  
FLAUGHER

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague JIM COSTA, to commend and congratulate COL Jonathan Flaughner upon being recognized as a "Citizen Soldier" by Fresno City College. Colonel Flaughner was recognized on Friday, November 6, 2009 at the annual Veterans Peace Memorial event held at Fresno City College in Fresno, California.

COL Jonathan Flaughner assumed command of the 144th Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard in Fresno, California in October 2004. He is a "Command Pilot" with over 4,000 hours of Air Force jet and fighter time, and is currently an F–16 Instructor Pilot. He graduated from North Carolina State University in 1977, with a bachelor of arts degree in History, and entered the United States Air Force through the ROTC program.

Colonel Flaughner was on active duty until 1995, and he has been with the 144th in Fresno ever since. Prior to his assignment as the 144th Wing Commander, Colonel Flaughner served as the Active Duty Advisor, 194th Squadron Flight Commander and Operations Officer, 144th Logistics Group Commander, 144th Maintenance Group Commander and 144th Operations Group Commander. He graduated from the United States Air Force Air War College in-residence program at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama in 1998. Previous assignments include a staff tour with HQ USAF and flying assignments in the F–16 at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany, the F–106 at Griffiss Air Force Base in New York. After pilot training at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona he was assigned to the T–33 at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. His first Air Force assignment was with the 726th Tactical Control Squadron base at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

Madam Speaker, Mr. COSTA and I rise today to commend and congratulate COL Jonathan Flaughner upon being recognized as a "Citizen Soldier." I invite my colleagues to join us in wishing Colonel Flaughner many years of continued success.

IN APPRECIATION OF MILLBRAE  
MAYOR ROBERT GOTTSCHALK

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, every community should be so fortunate as to have a dy-

namic and committed public servant like Millbrae Mayor Robert Gottschalk.

Mayor Gottschalk is stepping down after eight years on the City Council, including two stints as Mayor. Bob's tenure on the council has been defined by his steady advocacy for the people of Millbrae, giving special emphasis to youth and senior programs, improving downtown and mitigating the impact of BART on Millbrae residents.

Mayor Gottschalk graduated from San Jose State University and went on to receive an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of California at Berkeley and a J.D. from UC Hastings College of the Law. He served our nation with distinction, retiring as a Captain from the U.S. Navy Reserves and worked for 21 years in banking before becoming an attorney.

Mayor Gottschalk represents Millbrae on the Association of Bay Area Governments, Peninsula Congestion Relief Alliance and the Joint Powers Authority for County Emergency Medical Response. He has also served as a member of the Millbrae Community Preservation Commission and was citizen advisor to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

Madam Speaker, I have worked closely with Mayor Gottschalk and my impression of him can be summed up as "leadership with a velvet glove." Bob has always led with gentility and a sense of decorum and the simple fact is that Millbrae, California is a better place to live because of his work. I know of no better barometer for public service than that.

HONORING JERRY "ICEMAN" BUTLER  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
70TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 8, 2009*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and honor a legendary singer and songwriter, Jerry "Iceman" Butler, on the occasion of his 70th birthday today. An award-winning performer, producer and composer, and one of the architects of Rhythm and Blues, Mr. Butler, has enjoyed a 51-year career that began at the young age of 18, when he and Curtis Mayfield formed a rhythm and blues group, The Impressions, in Chicago in 1958.

The same year, Butler wrote a song titled For Your Precious Love, which became "the first of the Soul Music recordings" and a "landmark recording," according to Rolling Stone Magazine. The single, on Vee-Jay Records, became the first for The Impressions to "go Gold."

Mr. Butler, named "The Iceman" in 1959 by Philadelphia radio personality Georgie Woods for Butler's "cool as ice" delivery and debonair, effortless style has had numerous million selling recordings ("Gold") during his career: For Your Precious Love (with The Impressions, Vee-Jay, 1958); He Will Break Your Heart (Vee-Jay, 1960); Moon River (Vee-Jay, 1961); Never Gonna Give You Up (Mercury, 1976); Hey Western Union Man (Vee-Jay, 1968); Brand New Me (Mercury, 1969); Only The Strong Survive (Mercury, 1969); and Ain't Understanding Mellow (Mercury, 1973).

Nominated for three Grammys for singing and composing, Butler is the recipient of numerous awards, including several from